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**TANNING PROCESS SHORTENED BY NEW METHOD;**  
**LIGHT INDUSTRIES COMPLETE PLANS**

**TANNING PROCESS SHORTENED** -- Trybuna Ludu, No 105, 16 Apr 49

Last year several of the tanneries tried a new tanning process which shortened the processing period.

With an improved method of using a vegetable tannin, the process of tanning sole leather was shortened from 90 days to 37. The use of vats instead of pits was also instrumental in shortening the processing period. The trial proved successful and these improved methods will soon be installed in all the tanneries.

The leather industry is also expanding its range of production. Leather for technical uses (nearly all imported formerly) is now produced domestically, including goat leather.

Production of pigskin for footwear and accessories has greatly increased. The tanning of pigskin was started in 1947 with a production of 7,300 square meters. In 1948 production reached 288,000 square meters.

Many improvements have been introduced in the manufacture of footwear. Substitute materials are being used; increased manufacture of leather footwear with rubber soles is decreasing the consumption of valuable sole leather; production of colored shoes for women has been started; and the manufacture of heels from small pieces of waste leather has been introduced.

The quality of production of technical articles, especially parts of textile machinery, has improved. This lengthens the life of the machinery, with marked savings to the industry.

WARSAW TANNERY COMPLETES MAY DAY PLEDGE -- Trybuna Ludu, No 109, 22 Apr 49

Tannery No 2, formerly known as the "Gema", was the first to complete its May Day pledge by 15 April, completing the 5-month plan in 3½ months. The production consisted of 44,500 square meters of leather valued at 127,020,000 zlotys. The crew also pledged an additional 6,000 square meters of leather by 1 May.

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**OUTPUT OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS FOR FIRST QUARTER 1949 -- Rzeczpospolita, No 101, 12 Apr 49**

The actual production of the Polish tobacco factories during the first quarter 1949 was far above the planned production.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent of Plan</u>
Cigarettes, without mouthpieces	4,724,151,000	120.0
Cigarettes, with mouthpieces	180,730,000	104.9
(Total cigarette production was 119.5 percent of plan)		
Cigars	5,476,000	110.7
Pipe tobacco	230,361 kg	106.5
Snuff	24,114 kg	104.8

**PAPER PRODUCTION OVER PLAN -- Trybuna Ludu, No 101, 12 Apr 49**

The paper industry's production for the first quarter 1949 was fulfilled above plan. During March paper production reached a new level of 25,800 tons, which is 46.4 percent greater than prewar production.

**WIRE FACTORIES TO FULFILL 3-YEAR PLAN IN 2½ YEARS -- Rzeczpospolita, No 98, 9 Apr 49**

Fifteen factories manufacturing wire, nails, and wire products under the administration of the state association for such factories resolved unanimously, at a recent conference, to complete the 3-year plan by 25 June 1949. In conjunction with the new thrift program, these factories have also pledged to save 159,152,000 zlotys in operating costs during 1949.

**PURE TALC PRODUCED IN POLAND -- Glos Wielkopolski, No 109, 22 Apr 49**

The Mateo Krolin and Talc Factory has been opened in Drezdonko. This factory employs 45 persons and operates on three shifts. It is the only factory of its type in Poland and the only one to produce pure talc, which up to now had to be imported. The factory's daily talc production at present is 4 tons; in the near future output will be markedly increased.

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